



### A MYSTERY.

WIND THROUGH THE MOUNTAINS.  
The tree hemmed with teaing tree,  
Wound through its mounds green;  
A low, blue line of mountains  
Showed the open plain between.  
One side, the peak above them all  
Came into the sun's spray;  
I saw the rive of my dreams,  
The mountains that I sang!  
No view of memory led me on,  
But well I saw my land;  
A vision of famous dreams  
With every footstep grew.  
Never otherwise above its crag  
Nor otherwise the maple held;  
After its red enlight'ning  
Up the long and sharp foot-hill  
The mountain road should sweep;  
So green and low, the hills should fall  
As if the earth had stepped.  
The trees would at a sound wind;  
They pluck the mountain took,  
The white, torn fringes of their clouds  
Would sweep the sky.  
Yet later before that river rose  
Was pressed by feet of mine,  
Never before mine eyes had crossed  
That broken mountain line.  
A path was made and known,  
Walked with me as my guide;  
The skirts of some forgotten life  
Traced mazes at my side.  
Was it a remembered dream?  
Elsewhere there was no land.  
The scenes which the mountains kept,  
The river never told.  
But from the vision are it passed  
A long time ago,  
A dream as a dawn of spring.  
The thought within me grew,  
That love would temper every change,  
And soften all sorrows.  
And send me the dreams of earth.

### ORIGIN OF MODERN SCIENCE.

Professor John Draper Before the New York University.

Professor John Draper delivered a free lecture at New York, last week, in the chapel of the University. His subject was: "The Origin of Modern Science." Substantially these:

There are certain ideas which have become dominant in the intellectual world which we call science. Modern science is not, as generally supposed built upon elements derived from Greece and Rome. This is a tradition without foundation. Sciences, even more to the Greeks, than to the Romans. There were their own centers for exploration, and from these was made a most important and remarkable discovery. The remains of a magnificent palace, far more perfect than anything of so early a date hitherto discovered in Moab, were found on the borders of the desert, east-southeast of Heshon, and furnish a new problem for antiquaries at home. A quadrangle of freestones incloses a palace of brick; the quadrangle measures 150 yards on every side, and is surrounded with semi-circular bastions. On either side of the only entrance is a facade of carved work, 180 feet in length and 17 feet in height. Animals, birds, and flowers are carved in relief, with great thoroughness of work and delicacy of touch, so that the whole is in a marvellous state of preservation. The vaulted roofs of eight of the chambers of the palace yet remain, and the plan and details have led Mr. Conqueror to conjecture that the Persian conqueror was the founder.

It began in the light literature of Lassot Petre and Aristotle. Then came the weightier sciences. Literary and scientific tidal waves swept up from the South, though bitterly opposed by the church as a political necessity. How feeble their resistance to the current of events! Those who in this day have been its handmaid of science can afford to give due credit to their predecessors of the Moslem faith.

It is necessary to study all the phases of the history of thought to reach its real spirit. Every event and action is the result of a former event or action. We can only see the nearest links of the chain of destiny. We can not see who or what holds the first link.

The old magicians were said to have magic crystals in which, when they looked, would appear past events. The Doctor imagined himself reading history in such a crystal. Twenty centuries ago Rome ruled a large part of the world. The Caesars were worshipped as gods, though their dominion of this planet was far from universal. Some feeble Syrian fishermen were then playing their trade by Galilee whose labors were destined to have mighty results. Four centuries later the faith they had taught had spread through the Roman Empire. A great battle is fought by Constantine and he becomes autocrat of the empire. He degrades Rome into a provincial city, builds a new capital, and legalizes a new religion. Three centuries later, in a corner of Arabia, an earnest man has been persuading his neighbors to worship God. He wins victories over souls as well as bodies. His Arabian army overcomes the Holy Land. They capture Asia Minor, Egypt, and all of North Africa. They established themselves in Spain. The Emperor and Senate are then confronted. France is in danger of falling, when Caliph at Damascus orders his armies to halt. He is disobeyed. A barefooted envoy comes from Damascus, seizes the general before his army, and takes him to Damacus, where he is saved. Twice has Rome ruled Europe once by her Caesars, once by her popes. In the twelfth century the two great powers, Christian and Mohammedan, were still confronted. The capture of the Holy Sepulcher was taken as an insult to all Christendom. The Popes had made that place a test of their legitimacy. But they had to let it go, and it remains still in the hands of the Moslems. The prestige of the Papacy was shaken by the failure of the Crusades. The vanquished bitterly hated the victors. Rome was not sinking in decay. The Caesar palaces were mouldering. Columns, temples, arches in ruins, added only desolation to the scene. The chief towns of Europe had only hovels for houses. Streets were unpaved. There were no sewers or aqueducts. Windows and beds were lacking. Clothing once put on remained on the person till it rotted. Resort to shrines was the only medicine. Meanwhile Bagdad and Cairo were full of luxury, elegance, and comfort. They had palaces, parks, and splendid dining halls. Every country was full of fortresses. These fortresses were marked by obelisks instead of the baronial wainscots of the barbarous north. Again, while Rome denied all right of private judgment among the Christians, the Moslems the human mind was unfettered. School-houses stood by all the mosques. Greek classics were carefully studied. On one point they were circumscribed: they could not make pictures or paintings as they were forbidden to make "graven images." But a reaction ensued. It was impossible that the refinement Seville should not sooner or later pass into France. The south of France soon felt the charm of the troubadours. Tasso, Petre, and Dante led the way into civilization. The science of the Saracens brought Luthers to Lanuado four centuries before they appeared in Germany. Innocent the Third saw the danger from these bright Moorish innovators. He had Languedoc wasted with fire and sword. The Saracenic sciences that most disturbed the Popes was the Arabic science of Arithmetic. The Arabs had improved on the numeration received from the Hindus. Their system is most wonderful and simple. We speak Arabic when we use the word "cipher." But the Arabians also taught Europe its algebra. They were the authors of most of the current mathematical rules. In trigonometry they introduced "sines." They said "the symbols of geometry by thinking for us save the trouble." They give us the rudiments of chemistry. They give us nitric and muriatic acid, and other chemicals. They introduced the transmutation of metals as a possibility.

The speaker believes it will bedone in this generation. (Applause.) Their advancements in astronomy is a proof that they were at high position in science. When Europe was not better than Cafra they gave us their mathematical construction of the heavens. Lapus found use of some of their observations, yet at the time these were made the Europeans thought that the world was square. Terrestrial globes were in use among them. They discovered the pendulum clock and the true length of the bottle. Rabelais said, "Eating and drinking are my true sources of inspiration. See this bottle! It is my true and only Helicon, my cabalistic fountain, my sole enthusiasm. Drinking, I deliberate; and deliberating, I drink." Emissus, Eschylus and Cato all got their inspiration while drinking. Mezal always had a large bottle of wine beside him among his books; he drank of it at each page he wrote. He turned the night into day, and never composed except by lamp-light, even in the daytime. All his windows were darkened; and it was no unusual thing for him to show a friend to the door with a lamp, though outside it was broad daylight. On the contrary, Varillas, the historian, never wrote except full midday. His ideas, he imagined, grew and declined with the sun's light.

### The Land East of the Sun and West of the Moon.

Late correspondence from Moab, where the British Exploration Committee is at work, gives very interesting details of the things brought to light in that impressive land. Zizia, mentioned in the *Antoine Itinerary* as the station of a squadron of cavalry, became another center for exploration, and from here was made a most important and remarkable discovery. The remains of a magnificent palace, far more perfect than anything of so early a date hitherto discovered in Moab, were found on the borders of the desert, east-southeast of Heshon, and furnish a new problem for antiquaries at home. A quadrangle of freestones incloses a palace of brick; the quadrangle measures 150 yards on every side, and is surrounded with semi-circular bastions. On either side of the only entrance is a facade of carved work, 180 feet in length and 17 feet in height. Animals, birds, and flowers are carved in relief, with great thoroughness of work and delicacy of touch, so that the whole is in a marvellous state of preservation. The vaulted roofs of eight of the chambers of the palace yet remain, and the plan and details have led Mr. Conqueror to conjecture that the Persian conqueror was the founder.

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## THE HICKMAN COURIER.

SATURDAY, JAN. 25, 1873.

Our Hickman young people are enjoying balls, parties, etc.

The Hickman Steam wagon works to be enlarged to accommodate their large and increasing trade.

The common school teachers of this section are alarmed at the reduced prospects in this State.

A party of Hickmanites enjoyed an excursion to Cairo on the Glasgow last Friday.

It was designed for pleasure.

The Fulton Circuit Court will convene the 2d Monday in February.

There is to be a very small docket.

Hon. C. E. Riddle delivered a ten minute lecture in Paducah, Monday night last.

Our Representative Arnold has obtained indefinite leave of absence from the Legislature.

Tom Conner, the representative from Bell Buckle has been sick, but is sufficiently recovered to appear in his seat.

Nick Comer of this county, killed a pig last week, seventeen months old, which weighed 473 pounds.

Miss Anna Sanders, aged 27, daughter of W. M. Sanders, Clinton, died last week.

A few of our citizens enjoy little editorials from this paper without much a "thank you." Gentlemen, we thank you for making good selections.

Many parties in this vicinity have been engaged capturing fish, and after weeks, on the river, since the interruption of navigation.

Fulton Station, in this county, being on the State line, is making efforts to secure incorporation either from Tennessee and Kentucky.

Mr. Faxon, of the Paducah *Advertiser* enjoys the reputation of being the best local paragraphist in Kentucky.

The Riddle company have been most by our city fathers to keep a pass-way to the wharves, equal for the passing of private freight.

This whole country is suffering with wants. A few weeks of clear sun-shine would save innumerable debts.

The low price of corn is falling rapidly on our farms, and many will grow cotton this year in those quarters.

Allen Rice of the firm of Rice & Bro. of the place, is in Montgomery, Ala., and other Southern cities, trying to sell cotton to consumers.

Our "bottom" farmers are beginning to experience an evil again. We hope this will be the last year they shall be subject to such dangers.

But, Hickman, our "Marsalis" is as yet out of a break. The city treasury has been reported to be considerably above its stock.

Our out-of-town man, S. N. Williams, of Paducah, a large and eminent man, who has been doing the best business in this city, this spring.

Bry. N. County, Rector of St. Paul's Episcopal Church at this place, has posted his terms in this county, and taken up his residence in Hickman.

Carries to be the future great city of the world. The Mississippi Central Railroad, it is said, will carry traffic that cannot be carried by the roads to be used to go to Clinton. There is.

Ozark and Brad. have commenced business as general mercantile and taxies. They are set to be competent workmen. They give special attention to repairing.

The first monthly publication will be issued in the book store of J. H. Davis. Her signal regularly with the most interesting and the best New York news.

There is said to be yet a considerable amount of cotton in the country, destined for the Hickman market, and it has been held on account of the railroads.

For being the only one who has obstructed progress in our world. Years now entombed in their last war will prevent the completion of the work this session.

The ball on the 3d of February given by the General H. Nevels, Saturday, is to be the last of the General School. Those desirous of encouraging that institution should attend.

The steamer Glasgow, wind and weather permitting, makes daily trips from Hickman to Cairo, and return. This is owned by our enterprising concern, Overton & Steele.

A committee of the Louisville *Ledger*, visiting Fulton Station, has appealed the law which required the payment of poll tax to enable the voters to vote. Board of Election voting against the appeal.

NOTICE! NOTICE! PARTIES interested in the new legislation, are requested to come forward and act.

There are those who appear disposed to make the repeal of the Common School tax the question in the legislative session of this year. Those who don't go so far as to do it, and who are to pay the tax as it is now, are to make up the present.

The Hickman Courier has been elected Public Printer of the City of Hickman. And in this contest we had no competitor, and a small auxiliary to the law—which was passed on the 1st of January, 1872, and now extends over the whole Commonwealth!

In last issue a local paragraph appeared mentioning the robbery of a vault at the Platner's House, and stating that parties suspected Mr. Riddle, a prominent lawyer of St. Louis, as probably guilty of robbing his own vault to make these bills. Circumstances have transpired establishing Mr. Riddle innocent. We regret the appearance of the paragraph.

Some of our West Tennessee corporations are disposed to agitate the project of a new State, to be composed of West Tennessee, West Kentucky, and North Mississippi. All right, as our child, and we will stand by it.

The Kentucky Legislature has resumed its annual discussion of the project of removing the State Capitol this time with some evidence of earnestness. This section, we believe, is submissively indifferent whether they do or don't.

The friends in the neighborhood of Paducah, Cayce's Station, Miss., should see that bills are sent in for carrying the mail from Hickman via those places. Postmaster Case, at this place, will furnish blanks and proper instructions, to those desiring to put in Frankfort (as heretofore).

The Kentucky Legislature will likely locate the Third Louisville Assembly in it, in the "Particular" Mayfield and Paducah, the contesting points for said location, now.

Mr. GIBBS, Esq., of Union City, has been elected Secretary of State of Tennessee. He will make available office.

Miss BILLICK daughter of Judge J. I. Billick, Columbus, Ky., is at present the leading lady in the Kentucky Legislature.

The number of idle, trifling lawsuits at Hickman is exciting general comment. Let the vagrant law be vigorously enforced against all, male or female, who can not give evidence of an honest means of support.

There is to be a convention on Employment, so far as organized in this State, to be composed of those not in active in business. The plan is to fix up material for members of Congress, Legislators, and other prominent persons to wear for the ticket, regardless of politics.

They are building a new town, real estate in this country, on the Mississippi Central Railroad, half way between Evansville and Clinton, to be called "Poughkeepsie." The Paducah Ding Store will go with the city, re-located.

The Lexington *Democrat*, gives an account of an old fashioned meeting, which occurred in that country during the Christmas holidays. The president was one Thomas Hartwell, and the speakers Thomas and John Greenaway.

A Mayfield boy got into the house of his master, George, the other day, pulled all the skeletons off the last bed, made himself a comfortable pallet on the floor, and slept the night through, perfectly content and quiet. He was a good boy, and we hope that he will like to see one of both of them up to Congress.

Great Rejoicing!

At the 1st of January, 1873, we are to have a new year.

Many of them are in full session, supposed to have secured all the profits, have done.

Before the first of January, in this session several steamers were completed by agent Hickman, considering their cost.

The City Council of Hickman has voted the Mayor and City Attorney to appear in conference with the city charter, as regards the subject of the proposed new city.

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For being the only one who has obstructed progress in our world. Years now entombed in their last war will prevent the completion of the work this session.

The ball on the 3d of February given by the General H. Nevels, Saturday, is to be the last of the General School. Those desirous of encouraging that institution should attend.

The steamer Glasgow, wind and weather permitting, makes daily trips from Hickman to Cairo, and return. This is owned by our enterprising concern, Overton & Steele.

A committee of the Louisville *Ledger*, visiting Fulton Station, has appealed the law which required the payment of poll tax to enable the voters to vote. Board of Election voting against the appeal.

NOTICE! NOTICE! PARTIES interested in the new legislation, are requested to come forward and act.

There are those who appear disposed to make the repeal of the Common School tax the question in the legislative session of this year. Those who don't go so far as to do it, and who are to pay the tax as it is now, are to make up the present.

The Hickman Courier has been elected Public Printer of the City of Hickman. And in this contest we had no competitor, and a small auxiliary to the law—which was passed on the 1st of January, 1872, and now extends over the whole Commonwealth!

In last issue a local paragraph appeared mentioning the robbery of a vault at the Platner's House, and stating that parties suspected Mr. Riddle, a prominent lawyer of St. Louis, as probably guilty of robbing his own vault to make these bills. Circumstances have transpired establishing Mr. Riddle innocent. We regret the appearance of the paragraph.

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